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1. Poland's foreign trade as a whole is almost entirely controlled by such State-run trade organizations as Polska Kompanja Handlowa, P.T.H.Z., and "Zahan", or cooperatives like Spolem and Las. Such private exporting and importing firms that have so far escaped nationalization have found it advisable to band themselves into representative associations. Such an association is the Zrzeszenie Eksporterow i Importerow w Warszawie (Association of Exporters and Importers of Warsaw), an organization comprising 42 firms in the province of Poznan and Western Poland. Only by this means can private firms overcome in some measure the difficulties put in the way of all foreign business transactions by the Panstwowa Centrala (Head Office of the Ministry of Trade and Navigation).

2. Among the private firms engaged in foreign trade are "Powil", which specializes in reed exports, "Imper", which imports chemical and pharmaceutical goods [redacted] and "Kotwica", which has been endeavoring to export Glauber salts on an exchange basis for shoe-making machines with the Czechoslovak firm of "Kotva". [redacted]  
 Comment: Kotwica may be the Polish subsidiary of "Kotva", the export firm of Bata Zlin).

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3. The Government has recently been considering the setting up of "mixed companies" of an international character to include both State and private interests. In this connection, plans exist for the formation of trading companies [redacted]  
 [redacted] (to be organized by Dr. Ludwik Rajchman), as well as of a Polish-Balkan Trading Company [redacted] (to be organized by Wyzozebski).

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4. The pre-war Dal Co. has also been reestablished as a mixed company for trading [redacted] The board of Dal comprises Wisniewski, Barcikowski, and Weschke. One of the first tasks of this company is to take over the [redacted] branches of Dal, which have been in existence all through the war, and to develop their activities.

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